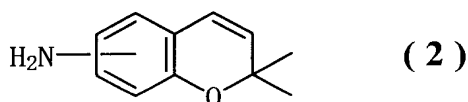


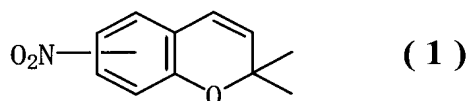
**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing aminobenzopyran compound of formula (2)

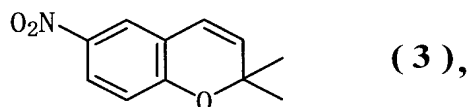


characterized by reducing a nitro group on 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound of formula (1)

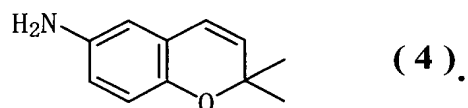


with hydrazine in the presence of platinum or palladium as a metal catalyst.

2. (Original) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 1, wherein the 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound of formula (1) is 2,2-dimethyl-6-nitro 2H-1-benzopyran of formula (3)



the aminobenzopyran compound of formula (2) is 6-amino-2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran of formula (4)



3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to ~~claim 3~~claim 1, wherein the metal in the metal catalyst is platinum.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 1, wherein the hydrazine is used in an amount of 2 to 5 molar equivalents to 1 molar equivalent of 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 2, wherein the hydrazine is used in an amount of 2 to 5 molar equivalents to 1 molar equivalent of 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 4, wherein the hydrazine is used in an amount of 2 to 5 molar equivalents to 1 molar equivalent of 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound.